assessed at about Rs. 4,10,900 crores by the Working Group. Out of the now proposed capacity addition of about 78500 MW, 1870 MW has already been commissioned and another 50,975 MW is under construction. Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation have geared up to mobilize funds to ensure that viable projects do not suffer for want of funds. Further, to facilitate financial closure in respect of private sector projects, an Inter Institutional Group, comprising of leading financial institutions and banks, is functional. However, for equity contribution in respect of private sector projects, the developers have to make arrangements from their internal resources, while for meeting the equity requirements in respect of Central and State Sector projects, public sector undertaking/utilities have to make arrangements from their internal resources and/or budgetary support.

With the projected capacity in place and through energy conservation measures, the gap between demand and supply of electricity is likely to be bridged gradually during the course of the Eleventh Plan.

Power situation in Maharashtra

242. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 57,650 units in State-run industrial estates, and as many as 2.25 lakh industrial units in the rest of Maharashtra would have to shut operations two days a week, due to the shortage of power:

(b) whether many of the companies in Maharashtra are reconsidering plans, due to uncertainty over the availability of power; and

(c) if so, whether this has created a serious situation in the State and if so, the steps Government are considering to take to help and assist the State in meeting the power shortage?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) As per the information available from Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL), industries of MIDC/Co-operative industrial estates have one day staggering holiday in a week.

(b) and (c) Ministry is not aware of re-consideration of plans by companies in Maharashtra due to uncertainty over the availability of power or creation of a serious situation in the State.

Notwithstanding the above, electricity being a concurrent subject, Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government by establishing power plants in central sector through CPSUs.

Power purchase agreement for power from Dabhol project

243. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new power purchase agreement between the Maharashtra Government and Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited for Dabhol Power Plant has been signed in the month of March, 2007;

(b) whether Maharashtra Government is likely to purchase power at Rs. 3.30 per unit from RGPPL;

(c) whether the State Government has committed a sum of Rs. 450 crore to RGPPL, which would be used for repair and maintenance of the plant; and

(d) the other steps the Maharashtra Government is considering and to what extent Central Government have agreed to provide help and assistance to meet the power shortage?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and a supplementary agreement has been signed between Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. and RGPPL on 10th April, 2007 and 18th July, 2007 respectively in line with various decisions taken by the stakeholders.

(b) The PPA is based on a capacity charge of 101.6 p/kwh (subject to revision due to restructuring exercise being undertaken). As per a policy decision on pooling of R-LNG prices, the delivered price of R-LNG at Dahej from Petronet LNG through off takers (GAIL/IOCL/BPCL) was expected to be about Rs. 263 per MMBTU corresponding to fuel charge of Rs. 1.99 per kwh and thereby the cost of power was expected to be about a little over Rs. 3.00 per kwh. However, the GOI policy decision to pooling of R-LNG price is subjudice.

(c) To facilitate disbursement of loan from PFC for revival of Power Block-III & I, Government of Maharashtra has given a guarantee for Rs. 450 crore based on which PFC has disbursed loan to RGPPL. The revival works for the power blocks I & III has since commenced.

(d) In order to tide over the power crisis during the summer months this year, the Government of Maharashtra requested the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MOPNG) for additional supply of gas of Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) by swapping gas supply with Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers (RCF). After obtaining the consent of all the stakeholders, MOPNG issued instructions to GAIL for swapping of 0.25 MMSCMD of gas allotted to RCF in favour of MSEB from 2.4.2007 to 24.05.2007 (53 days). It has been informed that this order has already been implemented by GAIL and that MSEB shall swap its allocation/supply in favour of RCF during June-August, 2007. On its part MSEB would also return the leftover quantity of 0.33 MMSCMD for 30 days, which it had not returned in 2006.

Target for additional power generation

†244. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target set for generating additional amount of electricity in the country during 2007-08 is 17,000 MW;

(b) if not, the target set in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the target for generating electricity for each month of the year has been set to achieve this target; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.